MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COMPTROLLER

In a letter of September 10, 1951 to the Secretary of the Board of Public Works, the Comptroller of the University of Maryland questioned whether the financial records of maintenance by State institutions came within the purview of the law governing records disposal. The Archivist replied that the fact that such records were examined by the State Auditor was in itself proof that they were official state records. He also pointed out that the purpose of the law was not to prevent the destruction of records, but to control it so that useful records would not be lost.

MARYLAND UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

On July 27, 1951, the Chief Accountant of the University Hospital expressed the desire to destroy the ledger cards of patients' accounts and certain other financial records dating before 1946. In our reply, we outlined the proper procedure and referred him to Chapter 755 of the Acts of 1949.

In a letter of January 11, 1952, the Chief Accountant listed certain records which were offered for deposit at the Hall of Records. The list gave only the titles of the series and did not include the dates or quantity of the records. We asked that this information be furnished us, but had received no response at the end of the year.

Montgomery County Circuit Court

On July 24, 1951, we were offered a quantity of records by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County. The several series listed in the section on accessions were accepted and the records listed below were refused, September 18, 1951:

General Index Judgments, 1924-1940, 4 volumes.

Daily Records of Deeds, Mortgages, etc., 1903-1922, 3 volumes.

Citizens Affidavits of Removal, 1913-1948, 3 volumes.

Cash Books, 1913-1945, 30 volumes.

License Books, 1907-1946, 6 volumes.

Applications for Traders' and Other Licenses, 1943-1946, 1 cubic foot. Duplicate Traders' and Other Licenses, 1943-1946, 7-1/2 cubic feet.

Hunter & Angler Licenses, 1939-1946, 2-1/2 cubic feet.

Equity Receipt Books, 1933-1946, 2-1/2 cubic feet.